

Fort Winnebago orderly book, 1834-36.

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FORT WINNEBAGO ORDERLY BOOK, 1834–36.

The orderly book of Fort Winnebago, from September 24, 1834, to September 6, 1836, is in the possession of this Society, having been presented by Mrs. Charlotte Ouisconsin Van Cleve (now of Minneapolis, Minn.),¹ widow of Lieut. Horatio Phillips Van Cleve, who was, for most of this period, acting adjutant of the Fifth Infantry. The book has 160 pages, and contains the details of official proceedings at the garrison. These are mainly courts-martial, the offenders being privates and non-commissioned officers, many of whom appear to have had ungovernable tendencies towards drunkenness, disorderly conduct, "crossing the Fox river without permission," and introducing intoxicating liquors into the fort. We select the following as being typical of the contents of the volume, and embracing the principal events recorded. It should be explained that the entries were made by clerks, under the direction of the acting adjutant; the latter therefore not being responsible for the somewhat erratic orthography and grammatical construction.

¹ See *ante*, p. 67.— Ed.

Hd. Qrs . 5th Inf'ty Fort Howard . 29th September. 1834

Spe Order No. 17

The Detachments of Recruits destined to Fort Winnebago, will proceed tomorrow morning to that Post with as little delay as possible, under the command of Sergt. Leach of (I) Company 5th Inf'ty. On arriving at Fort Winnebago, Sergeant Leach will report to the Commanding Officer, and deliver the papers of the Detachment.

By order of Bt. Brig. Genl. Brook (Signed) W. Chapman , Adj't. 5th Inf'ty.

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Hd. Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 8th 1834.

Order No. 130

1. The Recruits who arrived here on the 5th inst. are assigned to Comp'ys as follows.—To Comp'y (C) Dominick Flannaghan & James Me Kinzie. To (D) Carey Aplin, Michel Casey & Hiram Stark. To (E) Wm Carson, Thos. Farrol, Michael Foley, Jas. McDonald, Jeremiah Thompson & Thos. Me Gowan. To (F) Lewis Hanawold, John Nixon, George Smith & George Wood.

2. The above named Recruits, will not be liable to detail for armed service till further orders, a n.com'sd Officer from each Comp'y, will drill the recruits belonging to that Comp'y every day, Sundays excepted, from 10 to 11 O'Clock A. M. and from 3 to 4 O'Clock P. M.—The subalterns will superintend the drill, alternating each week about commencing with (C)

3. Private Aplin of (D) will be reported as learning Music.

4. Sergt. Wilkinson will be reported for duty.

By Order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Van Cleve , Act. Adj.

Head. Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 10th 1834.

Order No 132

1 t —Before a garrison court Martial of which Capt Low is president was tried,

1 t Mus. Benj. Yeomans of (F) Company, 5th Infantry, Charge—It Mus. Benj. Youmans of (F) Company 5th Infantry is Charged with being absent from the garrison of Fort Winnebago between Tattoo & revilee on the night of 30th Sept. and morning of 1 t of Oct. without permission from the proper authority

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Charge 2 d —Crossing the Fox river without permission during the above specified time.

Charge 3 d —Attempting to bring whiskey across Fox river bridge in violation of Garison orders at the time also Specified

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Plea—To which Charges the prisoner pleaded as follows —Charge It Guilty Charge 2 d not Guilty Charge 3 d not Guilty

Finding & sentence The Court after mature deliberation on the testimony adduced confirm his plea to it charge. 2 d Charge and 3 d Charge not proven and do sentence him to have one months pay \$6,00 stopped to have a ball & chain attached to his leg and put to labour for 10 days during the interval of which he is to be confined to the Guard house

2 d — Corpl. James Scott of (E) company 5th Infy

Corpl. James Scott of (E) company 5th Infy is charged with being drunk on the 8th Oct., 1834 at Fort Winnebago, M.T.

Plea—To which charge the prisoner pleaded not Guilty

Finding & sentence The court after mature deliberation on the testimony adduced do find the prisoner Corpl. James Scott, Guilty of the Charge preferred against him, and do sentence him to be reduced to the ranks in his Company.

3 d —The forgoing proceedings of the Garison Court Martial; of which Capt. Low is president, are approved, and the sentences awarded the prisoners; Mus. Yeomans and Corpl. Scott will be carried into effect.

4th—The court is dissolved

By Order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Van Cleve Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 16th 1834

Order No 137

1 st —Before a garison court Martial of which Capt. Low is president was tried

Corpl. Farnam of (F) Company 5 th Infantry

Charge; Conduct unbecoming an non commissioned officer Specification 1 st ; In this that the said Corpl. Farnam did 106 introduce ardent spirits in to the Hospital Kitchen and encourage disorderly conduct in the Hospital at Fort Winnebago on or about the 10th Oct. 1834

Specification 2 d ; In this that the said Corpl. Farnam did cause or persuade private McLoughlin of (C) Company one of the attendants to drink of ardent spirits at the Hospital untill he was drunk at Fort Winnebago on or about the 10th of Oct. 1834

Plea 3—To which Charge and its Specification the prisoner pleaded not guilty

Finding & sentence) The court on the testimony adduced find the prisoners as follows

Guilty of the 1st specification, 2 d Specification not proven, Guilty of the Charge and do sentence him to be reduced to the rank of a private sentinel

2 d —The foregoing proceedings of the garison court Martial of which Capt. Low is president are approved and the sentence awarded the prisoner will be carried into effect.

3 d —The Court is dissolved

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Van Cleve Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 28th 1834

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Order No 143

1 st —A garison court Martial will assemble at 10 Oclock this morning for the trial of such Prisoners as may be brought before it Lieut. Johnston President

" Hooe " Ruggles Members

2 d The troops will be mustered and inspected by Companies at 10 oclock A. M. on the last day of the month commencing with E. Labour will cease at ½ past 1 oclock P. M. the day proceeding and the guard will not be relieved until after the inspection is completed. The rolls and Company books will be examined at the office of the Commanding 107 officer immediately after troop the day following the Muster

3 d On the 1st of Nov. and untill further orders the surgeons Call will be given at 10 minutes after 8 oclock A. M. The signal for pease on the trencher at ½ past 8 oclock A.M. Fatigue drum at 9 oclock A.M. Assembly drum at 2 oclock P.M. Signal for Roast Beef at ½ past 2 oclock P. M. and Fatigue drum at 3 oclock P. M.

4 th The guard will be turned off at 10 oclock A. M. the first signal to be given 15 minutes before that time excepting on Saturdays when the signal for inspection will be given at 10 and that for guard mounting at ½ past 10 oclock A. M.

5 th Privt. Robinson of Company (E) will be reported on extra duty under the orders of the Act. Q. M.

6 th The resignation of Corporal Post is accepted to take effect this day subject to the approval of the Col. of the Regt.

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Van Cleve Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs Fort Winnebago February 26th 1835

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Order No. 11

1 The troops will be mustered and inspected by Companies on the last day of the month at 10 oclock A. M. commencing with (E). The guard will not be relieved until after the inspection is Completed. The Rolls will be examined and signed at the office of the commanding officer on Monday Morning Next immediately after guard Mounting. The party procureing logs will be Mustered absent.

2 d — On the 1st of the Month the following alterations in the beats will take place. Surgeons Call 20 Minutes before 8 o'clock A.M. Pease on the trencher at 8 oclock Fatigue drum at ½ past 8 oclock Assembly drum at ½ past 1 o'clock P.M. Signal for Roast beef at 2 oclock and Fatigue drum at ½ past 2 oclock P. M.

3 d — The guard will be turned off at 9 oclock A. M. the 108 first signal to be given 15 Minutes before that time excepting on Saturdays when the signal for inspection will be given 30 Minutes after 9 and that for guard Mounting at 10 oclock A. M.

By Order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago March 8 th 1835

Order No. 13

1 st —The irregular and unmilitary Manner of relieveing sentinels, which some of the corporals have fallen into must be corrected and the officer of the day is required to arrest any one of them who shall deviate from the established and usal mode of conducting the relief.

2 d —All the ashes carried from the garison will be deposited at the place where slops are required to be emtied & the Police Tubs will be emtied into the mens sink existing orders

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require this, and measures will be adopted by the commanding officer to detect all further deviation from it.

3 d —Hereafter horses are not to come within the gates of the circular paleing which incloses the garison

By Order of Lieut. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Vancleave. Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago April 21st 1835

Order No. 30

All Canoes belonging to individuals in the garrison will hereafter be kept near the bridge and under the charge of sentinel No. 4 during the day & No. 5 in the night. The sentinels will be instructed to permit no enlisted man to use them without being Passed by an officer or an noncommissioned officer of the guard

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signd) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago April 24 th 1835

Order No. 32

The Asst. Commissary will pay in Flour to the Companies of this garrison the amount due them respectively from the subsistance Dept. in consequence of the failure of the contractor to furnish beans, such arrangements will be made by the superintendent of the bake house as will ensure a small daily increase of the bread part of the Ration until the amount due the Companies shall have been consumed

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Sgd.) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago April 28th 1835

Order No. 34

1 st The troops will be Mustered and inspected on the 30th Inst. at 8 oclock A. M. by Companies Commencing with E. Labour will cease at half past 1 oclock tomorrow until the inspection is completed and the guard will not be relieved until that time. The Rolls will be examined and signed at the office of the commanding officer on the Morning following Muster

2 d On the first of May until otherwise ordered the surgeons Call will beat 20 minutes before 7 oclock A. M. Pease on the trencher at 7 oclock A. M. Fatigue drum at half past 7 oclock A. M. Assembly drum at half past 12 oclock M. Roast Beef at 1 oclock P.M. Fatigue drum at half past 1 oclock P. M.

3 d The hour for turning off the guard will be 8 oclock A. M., the first call to be given 15 minutes before that time excepting on Saturdays, on that day the signal for inspection will be given at 8 oclock and that for guard mounting at half past 8 oclock A. M. Fatigue drum will beat as soon as the call for guard Mounting is given. Other signals are as they are at Present.

4 th When Not otherwise ordered the guard will mount 110 in uniform and it is expected that each individual will habitually present himself for this duty, with his clothing arms & accoutrements in high order.

5 th The Flag will be hoisted daily at troop when the weather is suitable, the officer of the day will cause it to be lowered when ever wind or rain renders it necessary during the day

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler, Sgd. H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 4th 1835

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Order No. 37

1 st The following extract from the proceedings of a Council of administration held on the 14th of Sept. 1832 is published for the information of all Concerned. The Camp Women of this Post will wash for the officers & soldiers and at the following Rates. 50 Cents per Dozen or two dollars per Month for single gentlemen, four dollars per Month for Married officers, 50 Cents per Month additional for every Child or Servant. They may wash for 50 Cents per Month for the soldiers.

2 d The Ice house will be opened every Morning at Fatigue drum after Revelly by Sergeant Van Camp when families will supply themselves for the day

By order or Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 14 th 1835

Order No. 39

1 st The drill of Companies will Commence and take place daily Sundays excepted when the weather permits at 9 O'Clock A. M. and at 5 O'Clock P. M. Continuing one hour each time, the appropriate signals will be given by 111 the Guard. As a new system of *Tactics* may in a short time be expected Company Commanders will do well to Confine their attention for the present principally to such parts of the drill as will least likely undergo a Change

2 d Pvt. Chellis of E will be relieved from extra duty by Pvt. Healey of the same Company

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 16th 1835

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1 st A Council of administration will Convene to day at 6 oclock P. M. for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it. The Council will Consist of Bvt. Major Clark, Capt. Low and Lt. Johnston Members Lt. Vancleave Secretary.

2 d The Council fixed the following prices to the sutlers goods which haveing been approved they are published for All Concerned. Beer 75 Cents per gallon or 12½ Cents per Crackers 18¾ Cents per pound. Brooms 31¼ Cents

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler (Signed) H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 24 th 1835

Order No. 42

The Lieut. Col. Commanding being about to leave the Post Surrenders the Charge of it to Bvt. Maj. Clark, all Concerned will govern themselves accordingly. In performing this last official act he tenders to all his best wishes for their health, happiness, and prosperity

By order of Lt. Col. Cutler Signed, H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 24 th 1835

Order No. 43

Bvt. Maj. Clark assumes Command of the Post as Indicated in order No. 42 of this date, existing orders & regulations of the Garison will be adhered to

By order of Bt. Maj. Clark Signd H. P. Vancleave Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago May 30 th 1835

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Order No. 47

1 st The 2 d Section of the Military road Contemplated in General Order No. 20 of the let Ultimo will be Commenced on Monday next¹

¹ See *ante*, p. 89.— Ed.

2 d Company C and E. will first be employed on it

3 d Company D will encamp near Duck Creek* and work towards the Fort (*Make a bridge a cross)

4 th Company C will encamp near Whitneys store house the Ouisconsin and Meet Company E which will Commence at Fox River and for the Present lodge in Quarters

5 th The extra and daily duty Men one Gardner for each Company and the noneffective will necessarily remain at the Fort.

6 th The Guard Will be reduced to one Non Commissioned officer and 4 Privates one of which Will report to the nonCommissioned officer Specially detailed for police and receive his orders

7 th Mason of D now reported learning Music will be reported for duty as a Private

8 th Parker of C attendant in Hospital will be relieved by Prouty of the same Company

By order of Bvt. Maj. Clark (Signed) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago June 4 th 1835

Order No. 48

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The Guard will habitually dress in white Jackets and Forage Caps until further Orders

By order of Bvt. Maj. Clark (Signd) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs 5th Infantry Fort Dearborn 29 th June 1835

Order No. —

Bvt. Brig-Genl Brook Col. of the 5th Regiment of Infantry having been orded to this Post on a General Court Martial takes this oppertunity of expressing his sincere pleasure in witnessing the good Conduct of this Command evinces particular by its Moral behaviour and Character doing themselves high Credit in the opinion of officers and citizens he has not had an oppertunity from particular Circumstances of inspecting it Critically, but has noted both its drill and Police with great satisfaction, he therefore tenders both to the officers and men his best respects for their Military efficacy and Moral worth

Signd Bvt. Brig Genl Brook Coming, 5 th Infy

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago July 3 d 1835

Order No. 53

To morrow being the anniversary of american Independance a national salute will be fired at one oclock P. M. under the directions of Lt. Collinsworth. The Company on duty at the Fort will also be under arms, as indicated in No. 92 Genl. Regulations

By order of Bvt. Maj. Clark (Signed) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt. 8

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Sept. 24 th 1835.

Order No. 68

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Upon the application of Pvt. Nelson of D Company a court of enquiry will Convene tomorrow at 10 oclock A. M. to investigate the facts relative to his Conduct while a sentinel on Post on the 18th Instant, when it is reported a personal encounter occured between him and a Winnebago Indian which has eventuated in the death of the latter

The Court will be Composed of Capt. Low President Lieuts. Johnston and Lacy Members Asst. Surgeon McDougal recorder and will render its opinion relative to the Gulpability of Nelson¹

¹ The book does not, however, contain further reference to this matter. Ed.

By order of Bvt. Maj. Clark (Signd) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 1 st 1835

Order No. 71

Lieut. Collinsworth will relieve Lieut. Johnston as Treasurer of the Post fund and will also take charge of the Post Library

By order of Bvt. Maj. Clark (Sgnd) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. the 4 th 1835

Order No. 72

Major Green assumes Command of Fore Winnebago all concerned will govern themselves accordingly. Existing orders and regulations for the government of the garrison will remain in full force until Modified or Countermanded.

By order of Maj. Green (Signd) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

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Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago Oct. 5 th 18385

Spec. Order No. 11

Sergt. Brown of E Company 5th Infantry will proceed to Fort Crawford (Prairie du Chien) in Mr. Rolette's boat and will take under his charge Pvts Peables and Harris deserters from the 1st Infantry. Sergt. Brown on his arrival at Fort Crawford will report to the Commanding officer of the Post, and will return by the earliest opportunity

By order of Maj. Green Signed) J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago November 12 th 1835

Order No. 87

From information received by the Commanding officer, it appears that some pretentious is made to sundry buildings such as Stables &c as privates property by individuals of this command. No such Claim Can be admitted. All or any buildings that May have been, or may hereafter be put up are and will be Considered as public property

The permission granted to any person or persons to put up any building or buildings, being a Matter of accommodation will not entitle any to the right of transferring such building or buildings by sale or otherwise. When the individual or individuals for whose Convenience buildings have been erected in the vicinity of the garrison, leaves the Post and ceases to occupy them for the purposes for which they were erected they will be Considered in the hands of the Quarter Master and disposed of as Circumstances may require, under the directions of the Commanding officer; The building that is present used as a Hospital stable, will be put in good repair for the accommodation of the horses of the surgeon of the Post, as soon as it Conveniently Can be done. No building or enclosure of any description will hereafter be established on this reservation 116 without the special permission—and the foregoing Conditions expressed in this order

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By order of Major Green Signed, J. T. Collinsworth Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago November 12 th 1835

Order No. 88

The Commanding officer directs that so much of the order of this Morning on the subject of stables &c be Modified as follows Viz. That when an officer is about to leave the Post and has no further use for the property it Can be turned over to his successor or other Military friend belonging to the Post and not to the Quarter Master. The intention and object of the order being only to prevent the establishment of private Claims on the public reservation by any building, or enclosures that have been erected or that May hereafter be erected on the same

By order of Maj. Green Signd J. T. Collinsworth , Act. Adjt.

Head Qrs Fort Winnebago Feb 18 1836

Order No. 11

The Major Commanding base the painful duty to anonce to the command the death of Brevt Major N Clark,¹ he will be buried to-morrow at 2 Oclock with the honnours of War, when all present except those persons who may be expressly excused will appere under arms in full uniform. The Commanding officer, directs that the escort, [be] composed of four Companies, which in accordance with his owne feelings as well as what is due to the deceased he will command in person. all officers of this command will ware black crape, attached to the hilts of there swords, &

¹ See Mrs. Van Cleve's *Three Score Years and Ten*, pp. 105–107.— Ed.

117 as testimony of respect for the deceased the like bage [badge] will be worn for the period 30 days, the Surgeon of the Post will act as Chaplain

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By order of Major Green Signed J. T. Collinsworth Act. Agt.

Head Qrs. Fort Winnebago July 1836

Order No 98

I. Not more than Three men per Company will go on pass at the same time, and on their return they will report in person to their Company Officer, should they not return punctually at the expiration of their permission *or* Should be in a state of intoxication, they will be refused passes for the next 30 days, or confined for trial or *not* at the discretion of their Company Officer.

II. All passes must be Countersigned by the Commanding Officer.

III. Private Mc Donald of "E" Company will be reported on Extra duty "Herdsman" under the Orders of the Actg. Asst. Qr. Master

By Order of Capt. Low "Signed" J. H. Whipple Act. Adjt.